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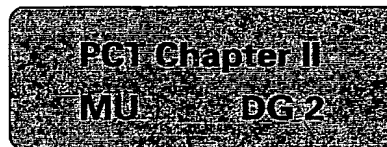
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Attention:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY

*Our ref.: 38735/GM/lp*

**Re.: International Application**

**No. PCT/EP2004/009973 of September 7, 2004**

**In the name of URETEK S.R.L.**

Dear Sirs,

Please find herewith enclosed a DEMAND under Art. 31 PCT together with a Voucher in the amount of Euro 1.659,00 corresponding to the Preliminary Examination and Handling Fees to be paid for the above-identified International Application.

Applicant hereby requests a **“DETAILED”** Preliminary Examination.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt of the enclosed papers.

Sincerely yours,

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- Acknowledgement of receipt;
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## CHAPTER II

### DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Identification of IPEA	Date of receipt of DEMAND
<b>Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION</b>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 38735/GM/lp	
International application No. PCT/EP2004/009973	International filing date (day/month/year) 07 SEPTEMBER 2004 (07.09.2004)
(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 07 NOVEMBER 2003 (07.11.2003)	
Title of invention METHOD FOR INCREASING THE STRENGTH OF A VOLUME OF SOIL, PARTICULARLY FOR CONTAINING AND SUPPORTING EXCAVATION FACES	
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1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filedthe description ☐ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 34the claims ☐ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)☐ as amended under Article 34the drawings ☐ as originally filed☐ as amended under Article 342. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).4. ☐ The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

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Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: **ENGLISH**☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.**Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES**

The filing of this demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are designated and are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

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